



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Caltrans Prepares for Severe Weather Conditions**

Redding - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 2 in Redding is preparing for more extreme winter weather conditions in the next few days. Interstate 5 was closed last night from 7:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. this morning. Currently, all State facilities are open, some with chain requirements or "watch" alerts in effect. Snow is predicted at higher elevations beginning this evening. Regardless of chain restrictions it is recommended that travelers carry chains and watch for changing weather and snow removal equipment.

The Transportation Management Center within the District 2 office will be staffed throughout the night and all snow removal personnel are prepared for the anticipated weather conditions. Travelers are encouraged to visit the District 2 web site [www.dot.ca.gov/dist2](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist2), then click on Traveler Information or call the road conditions phone at 1-800-427-7623. For Oregon information refer to [www.tripcheck.com](http://www.tripcheck.com) or phone 511 from within Oregon, or 503-588-2941 from outside the State.

Weather in northern California is very unpredictable and changes rapidly. If there is a prediction of severe winter weather conditions, we suggest motorists stay off the roadways. If travel is necessary, make sure your vehicle is in sound condition. Start your trip with a full tank of gas and make sure your cell phone battery is fully charged. Inform others of your trip plans and when you are expected to arrive at your destination. Take a winter storm kit along with you which should include such items as tire chains, booster cables, flashlight, extra batteries, shovel, a bag of sand or cat litter, blankets and extra clothing, food, water, a first aid kit, matches or anything else that would help you survive in case you become stranded.

For more information please call the Public Information Office at 530-225-3260.

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